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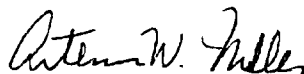
Dear Senator Cantwell:

I wanted to let you know that I am opposed to the Senate Judiciary Committee holding hearings on the fairness of the Microsoft antitrust settlement. It is my hope that you will be able to have these hearings canceled. The Government should not become involved in a business dispute, especially when the suit should never have been brought forth in the first place.

This is primarily a nuisance suit reminiscent of the tobacco suits, where several states were out to extort as much money as they could by filing frivolous law suits against the tobacco companies. This type of law suit stifles creativity which not only hurts the industry but drives up cost to consumers. Continuing this antitrust litigation is bad for all American businesses, for Microsoft, for the consumer and for the country. Microsoft must be allowed to innovate. This is what has made them the flagship of the U.S. computer industry, which is second to none in the world.

Thank you for letting me voice my opposition to these hearings.

Sincerely,



Arthur Miller